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SUBJ: TURNOVER TO POLISH AUTHORITIES OF SUSPECTED POLISH INTEL-
LIGENCE AGENT

1. SHORTLY AFTER 1300 HOURS OCTOBER 22 THE BERLIN POLICE IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR DETAINED FELIKS KOLECKI, BORN 8 SEPTEMBER 1934, BEARER OF POLISH DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, ON SUSPICION OF ESPIONAGE. THE OTHER PERSON SEIZED, FRG ECONOMICS MINISTRY OFFICIAL WINFRIED KRETSCHMANN, BORN 4 NOVEMBER 1934, HAS REPORTEDLY CONFESSED TO POLICE, IN WHOSE CUSTODY HE REMAINS, THAT HE PASSED MATERIALS TO KOLECKI.

2. IN LINE WITH PAST PRACTICE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF US MISSION TOOK CUSTODY OF KOLECKI. AFTER COORDINATION WITH ALLIED AND US INTERESTED PARTIES KOLECKI WAS TURNED OVER AT 2130 HOURS TO COUNSELOR BOGDEN CZARNECKI OF THE POLISH MILITARY MISSION. AN ORAL PROTEST IN GERMAN WAS MADE TO CZARNECKI ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: BEGIN TEXT: WE HAVE UNDER AMERICAN CONTROL MR. FELIKS KOLECKI, WHO POSSESSES POLISH DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT D0029349. HE IS NOT ACCREDITED HERE AND THEREFORE HAS NO DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY. MR. KOLECKI WAS DETAINED THIS
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AFTERNOON IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR, ENGAGED IN UNACCEPTABLE ACTIVITY IN OUR SECTOR. WE PROTEST THIS ACTIVITY AND TURN HIM OVER TO YOU WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT HE WILL IMMEDIATELY LEAVE WEST BERLIN. END TEXT.

3. US REP TOLD CZARNECKI THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO PUBLICIZE THIS INCIDENT. CZARNECKI SAID HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH

HIS MINISTER UPON THE LATTER'S RETURN, AND INDICATED THE
POLISH MILITARY MISSION WOULD BE BACK TO US ON THIS MATTER.
COMMENT: WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT A PRO FORMA POLISH COUNTER
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